

Penalty for abandonment of wife.

SECTION 2. If any husband shall willfully abandon his wife, leaving her in a destitute condition, or being of sufficient ability, shall refuse or neglect to provide for her, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both, in the discretion of the court; provided, that the wife shall be a competent witness in all such cases, as provided in this section, to testify for or against her husband.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 423.

AN ACT to authorize John S. Owen and others to construct and maintain piers and booms in the Chippewa river, in the county of Eau Claire.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Authorized to maintain piers and booms.

SECTION 1. John S. Owen, his associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and keep in repair, piers, booms, sheer and other kinds of booms in the Chippewa river, in the county of Eau Claire, and state of Wisconsin, east of the thread of said stream and in front of government lots two, three and four, in section thirty, town twenty-seven north, of range nine west, also in said Chippewa river west of the thread of said stream, and in front of all that portion of the bank thereof, which lies between Short street in the city of Eau Claire and the southern limits of said city; provided, the same be so constructed and maintained in said river, on or in front of lands now owned or which may hereafter be owned by the said John S. Owen, his associates or assigns, within the limits above specified, or upon or in front of lands which the said John S. Owen, his

associates or assigns shall have obtained, or shall hereafter obtain license or authority from the proper person or persons to so construct and maintain the same within the aforesaid limits. And, provided, further, that said piers and booms shall be so constructed and maintained as not to materially obstruct the navigation of said river, but there shall at all times be kept and maintained a free and unobstructed channel for the passage of boats and rafts navigating said river for the entire length of said booms and works.

SECTION 2. Such piers and booms to be used for the purpose of receiving, sorting, holding and otherwise handling, logs, timber, fence posts, railroad ties and other materials. And the said John S. Owen, his associates and assigns, shall have the exclusive direction of the receiving, sorting, handling and delivering of logs, timber, fence posts, railroad ties and other material in said booms and works, but shall only detain logs, timber, fence posts, railroad ties and other materials of other persons or parties, running, floating or received into said booms a sufficiently reasonable length of time to have the same sorted. And all logs and other materials aforesaid belonging to the said John S. Owen, his associates or assigns, to be separated from those belonging to other persons or parties, and which may be destined for points on said river below said booms, and shall thereupon turn out from said booms and works such logs and other materials so destined for points on said river below said booms and works.

The purposes for which said piers and booms are to be used.

SECTION 3. The right to alter, amend or repeal this act, whenever the legislature may deem it necessary, is hereby reserved.

Right of repeal reserved.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 11, 1885.